

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A device for recording or reading data on/from a recording medium, the recording medium inserted in a protection casing, the device comprising:

a receiving unit operative to receive at least the recording medium inserted in the protection casing;

a recording/reading unit for to recording or reading data on/from the recording medium;

a transport unit to ~~control~~ transport the recording/reading unit;

a data processor to process data output from the recording/reading unit or to transfer data to be recorded to the recording/reading unit; and

a controller coupled to at least the transport unit and data processor to control a recording or reading operation of data on/from the recording medium,

wherein the protection casing includes:

a casing body having a receiving space therein and an access port formed in a first side of the casing body; and

a recording medium holder insertable into an interior of the casing body via the access port, and one of the recording medium holder and the first side of the casing body being structured such that the recording medium holder is prevented from being incorrectly inserted into the casing body, the recording medium holder including an elastic member for supporting a recording medium therein,

wherein a guide member is formed at an outer portion of the receiving space, and a shoulder is formed at a side of the elastic member for rotatably releasing the recording

medium into the receiving space upon contact by the shoulder with the guide member.

2. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1, further comprising:

an interface unit connected to the controller and connected to a host to facilitate communications therebetween.

3. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 2, wherein the host transfers a recording/reading command and/or data to be recorded through the interface unit.

4. (Currently Amended) A device for recording or reading data on/from a recording medium, the recording medium inserted in a protection casing, the device comprising:

a receiving unit operative to receive at least the recording medium inserted in the protection casing;

a recording/reading unit for recording or reading data on/from the recording medium;

a transport unit to ~~control~~ transport the recording/reading unit;

a data processor to process data output from the recording/reading unit or to transfer data to be recorded to the recording/reading unit; and

a controller coupled to at least the transport unit and data processor to control a recording or reading operation of data on/from the recording medium,

wherein the protection casing includes:

a casing body having a receiving space therein and an access port formed in a first side of the casing body; and

a recording medium holder insertable into an interior of the casing body via the access port, and one of the recording medium holder and the first side of the casing body being structured such that the recording medium holder is prevented from being incorrectly inserted into the casing body, the recording medium holder including an elastic member for supporting a recording medium therein.

5. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 4, further comprising:

an interface unit connected to the controller and connected to a microprocessor to facilitate communications therebetween.

6. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 5, wherein the microprocessor transfers a recording/reading command and/or data to be recorded through the interface unit.

7. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 6, wherein the controller receives the recording/reading command and/or data to be recorded from the microprocessor.

8-16. (Canceled)